General Information About Lotus AU/Con-nect

Access Unit Con-nect (Lotus AU/Con-nect) is a product of Lotus Development Inc. It extends the messaging capabilities of Con-nect by linking Con-nect to the Lotus Messaging Switch (LMS). LMS is a multi-protocol mail switch that supports various mail protocols such as SMTP (Internet e-mail). In addition, via other Access Units, it can provide connectivity to other office systems such as Lotus Notes and Microsoft Exchange. LMS runs on an AIX Unix system and communicates with Lotus AU/Con-nect or other Access Units via Lotus's Softswitch Network API (SNAPI), using either SNA or TCP/IP network protocols.

Lotus AU/Con-nect is implemented as a Con-nect transport service application - type K. It consists of programs in Natural and C running in an z/OS batch environment.

For a general overview of the Con-nect transport service, see *Part 5. The Transport Service*.

Further information concerning Lotus AU/Con-nect, SNAPI and LMS is contained in the Lotus documentation *AU/Con-nect Administrator's Guide*.

The following diagram shows the general network architecture of Lotus AU/Con-nect together with Con-nect and LMS.